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SUBJECT: GOK PRIME MINISTER BLAMES "GREAT POWERS" FOR
VIOLENCE IN IRAN

1. ARAB TIMES AUG. 30 CARRIES INTERVIEW BY PUBLISHER AHMAD
JARALLAH WITH HEIR APPARENT/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD
AL-ABDULLAH IN WHICH LATTER COMMENTS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN
IRAN. SHAIKH SA'AD SAID "WE CANNOT AVOID FACING (THE FACT)
THAT ANY UNCOMMON SITUATION IN IRAN WILL REFLECT ON THE GULF
COUNTRIES AND AFFECT THE BALANCE OF SECURITY IN THE WHOLE
AREA... VIOLENCE IN THE AREA REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT OCCURS OR
BY WHOM IT IS FOMENTED IS AIMED AT DISTURBING THE STABILITY
AND SECURITY OF THE AREA."

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2. SHAIKH SA'AD STATED FURTHER THAT THE GREAT POWERS
AND THE "STATES WHICH BENEFIT BY VIOLENCE HAVE A
SECRET PLAN FOR THIS STRATEGIC OIL-PRODUCING PART OF
THE WORLD TO IGNITE VIOLENCE THROUGH BOMB EXPLOSIONS,
OR SECTARIAN VIOLENCE, OR INCITING SOCIAL CLASSES TO
TAKE UP CLASS STRUGGLE. THE BENEFITING POWER STIRS UP
BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO NEIGHBORING STATES AND PUSHES

THEM TO THE VERGE OF WAR FOR REASONS THAT SERVE ITS OWN INTERESTS." SHAIKH SA'AD WENT ON TO URGE THAT "WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BECOME VULNERABLE TO THE POWERS WHICH DO NOT WANT TO SEE OUR RICH COUNTRIES LIVE IN STABILITY."

3. ASKED IF THE GULF STATES ARE TAKING ANY JOINT MEASURES TO CONFRONT THIS SITUATION, SHAIKH SA'AD SAID THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER DURING THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THEY WOULD COORDINATE POLICIES AND PERHAPS DECIDE TO HOLD "A LARGER MEETING IN ONE OF OUR GULF COUNTRIES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS," HE SAID, "WILL BE TO ABORT THE AMBITIONS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN DISTURBING SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION."

4. COMMENT: THE KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER HAS UNDERSTANDABLY AVOIDED MENTION OF ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS OR SOCIAL DISCONTENT IN IRAN AS FACTORS IN THE UNSETTLED SITUATION THERE. ALTHOUGH AS USUAL HE HAS NOT NAMED THE SOVIET UNION, AND HAS PRESERVED APPARENT EVEN-HANDEDNESS THROUGH USE OF THE PLURAL "GREAT POWERS" IN MOST CASES, MOST READERS HERE WILL ASSUME HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION. HIS LAPSE INTO THE SINGULAR AT ONE POINT AND HIS MENTION OF INCITING TO CLASS STRUGGLE LEAVE NO DOUBT OF HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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